

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 841

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sherkenna Buggs upon being a contestant on *Hell's Kitchen*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pay tribute to those Tennesseans who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to professional and creative excellence, have distinguished themselves both in their chosen field and in the community; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sherkenna Buggs of Grand Junction, who was recently declared a contestant on season fifteen of the television show *Hell's Kitchen*; and

WHEREAS, hosted and judged by world-famous chef Gordon Ramsay, season fifteen of *Hell's Kitchen* challenges the culinary skills of eighteen aspiring chefs between the ages of twenty-four and forty-two as they endeavor to impress the judges and compete for the coveted title of Head Chef, in which capacity the winning contestant will oversee the kitchen of BLT Steak at Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sherkenna Buggs proved her credentials as a formidable contestant in 2012 when she ventured out on her own to offer her catering services, "instameals," and became a culinary instructor at an area vocational school. Instameals, a product of Ms. Buggs's own culinary creativity, gained traction through her following on Instagram and other social media platforms, leading to other opportunities in catering, public appearances, and hosting jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Buggs, otherwise known as Chef Kenna, focuses her craft on gourmet pastas, succulent salmon, and delectable custom desserts, with signature dishes such as crab-stuffed blackened salmon and mushroom couscous; and

WHEREAS, now thirty years old, Chef Kenna discovered her passion for the culinary arts at the age of sixteen. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Buggs met Ryan Luttrell, who acted as a friend and mentor, inspiring her to follow her dreams, which, at the time, she believed were impossible; and

WHEREAS, after enrolling in culinary school in Memphis, Chef Kenna was enabled with the confidence to master her craft and moved on to start her own successful entrepreneurial projects; and

WHEREAS, Sherkenna Buggs's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her community, and this State; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Buggs epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, as her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Sherkenna Buggs upon being a contestant on *Hell's Kitchen*, salute her commitment to culinary innovation and excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.